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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371								
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED						
PCT/EP2004/014109	10 DECEMBER 2004	11 DECEMBER 2003   6 FEBRUARY 2004						
TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD FOR THE	CONTAMINATION-PREVENTING EMPTYIN	IG AND FILLING OF BULK CONTAINERS						
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Richard DE	NK; Manfred HELMER; and Timothey ROCHO	LL						
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  1. ■ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  2. □ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.  3. ■ This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.  4. □ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).  5. □ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))  a. □ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).  b. □ has been communicated by the International Bureau.  c. □ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).  6. □ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).  a. □ is attached hereto.  b. □ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).  7. □ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).  a. □ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).  b. □ have been communicated by the International Bureau.  c. □ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  d. □ have not been made and will not be made.  8. □ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).  9. □ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).  10. □ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).								
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:  11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.								
12. An assignment document for rincluded.	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.							
13.□ A FIRST preliminary amenda	A FIRST preliminary amendment.							
14. 区 An Application Data Sheet un	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.							
15.□ A substitute specification.	A substitute specification.							
16.□ A change of power of attorney	A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.							
17.□ A computer-readable form of -1.825.	A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.							
18.   A second copy of the published	A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).							
19. ☐ A second copy of the English 154(d)(4).	A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).							
20. ☐ Other items or information:	Other items or information:							

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21. 🗷 Basic	Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))		\$300	.00			
22. 🗷 Exam	ination fee			\$200.00	\$200	.00	
If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)							
23. 🗷 Searc	h fee		*************************	\$500.00	\$500	.00	
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Total claims		20- 20 =		× \$50.00	\$0		
Independent cla	ims	- 3 =		x \$200.00	\$0		
MULTIPLE DE	PENDENT CLAIM(	S) (if appli	cable)	+ \$360.00	\$0		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$10	00.00		
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$50	\$500.00		
SUBTOTAL =			\$50	\$500.00			
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).			\$0	\$0			
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =			\$50	\$500.00			
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +			\$0	\$0			
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a.		A check in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees is enclosed.						
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C.	図	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2478(740124-204) . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.						
đ.		Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.						
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.								
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